(b) whether it is a fact that a committee has to recommend the name of the Judge; if so, what are the details regarding the composition of the committee and names of its members;

(c) whether it is a fact that only one name desired by Government was discussed by the said committee;

(d) if so, what is the recommendation made by the committee; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the said committee had recommended resignation of the concerned person from the present post before contesting for the post of Judge for the International Court; if so, what are the reasons for ignoring the recommendation of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) In accordance with the provisions of the Hague Convention for Pacific Settlement of International Disputes of 1907, India, by virtue of being a party to the said Convention, is entited to nominate four members on the Permanent Court of Arbitration who besides being available for international arbitration constitute the Indian National Group for nominating candidates for election as Judges of the International Court of Justice.. The present members of the Indian National Group are:

(i) Justice P. N. Bhagwati, Former Chief Justice of India;

(ii) Shri A. K. Sen, Former Minister of Law and Justice;

(iii) Shri K. Parasaran, Attorney General of India; The late Dr. Nagendra Singh was the fourth member.

These members were appointed in 1985 for a term of six years.

(c) The Indian National Group may consider any number of persons before making its nomination.

(d) and (e) The Indian National Group nominated Shri R. S. Pathak, Chief Justice of India for election to the International Court of Justice. The Cimmittee was aware that the nomination has to be unanimous and unconditional. It considered it desirable that Chief Justice Pathak contest for the election after resigning as the Chief Justice of India but left it to the Chief Justice to make this decision.

Closing of homes for destitute women

830. SHRI T. R. BLAU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what were the reasons which made All India Women's Conference to close down the home for destitute women and evict forcibly the inmates;

(b) how many inmates were there when it was closed down; and what was its full capacity;

(c) whether any grants were being given to All India Women's Conference; if so, what is the amount given during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) whether any memoranda were received by Government against the administration of Bapnu Ghar; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government had initiated on the memoranda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The All India Women's Conference has informed this Department that the short stay home was closed down because the organisation was unable to deal with the problems created by the inmates who filed cases in the Courts for securing for themselves the right of permanent residence in the home. They also treatened to involve the staff in court proceedings. All this created problems

which the management was not in a position to handle. The inmates were evicted when one of them threatened to commit suicide.

(b) There were 7 women and 2 children at the time of closure of the Home. The maximum number enrolled was 24 women and 3 children.

(c) The following amount of grants was given to AIWC by the Department of Women and Child Development for running 6 homes as under:—

Location of home	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
		(in Rs.)	
Bapnu Ghar (New Delhi)	65,575		73,100
Midnapore (West Bengal)			1,66,000
Balasore (Orissa)			1,66,000
Puri (Orissa)			1,66,000
Shahjahanpur (U.P.)			1,66,000
Brindaban			1,66,000

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. This Department had called for a detailed report in the matter. As an incomplete reply was received, the organisation has been requested to send clarifications. Necessary action if found necessary can be initiated only on receipt of these clarifications.

Visit of Pakistan's Minister of Interior to India

831. SHRI B. STAYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan's Minister of Interior Mr. Aitaz Ahsan called on the Prime Minister and other Union Ministers of the Government of India on April 11, 1989;

(b) if so, what subjects were discussed with him; and

(c) what decisions have been taken as a result of talks held with him?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) During his visit to India from 8-11 April, 1989, the Interior Minister of Pakistan had discussions with the Prime Minister, External Affairs Minister and the Home Minister on bilateral and other matters of mutual interest. Both sides expressed their commitment to work for the improvement of bilateral relations between the two countries.

Withdrawal of IPKF from Sri Lanka

832. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of the latest developments and situation prevailing in Sri Lanka, Government propose to withdraw the Indian Peace Keeping Force from Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of IPKF personnel withdrawn so far and the number still remaining in Sri Lanka and the total number of IPKF personnel killed so far and also the number